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Parish Primary School Sites History and Legacy Component Assessment Ratings

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Dear parents, staff and other members of our community,

I am pleased to present the Parish Primary School Sites History and Legacy Component Assessment Ratings Report.

I want to thank the schools, community representatives and public officers who contributed to including History and Legacy' as a factor in this (re)scoring process.

This work represents critical progress in the continuing effort to reform our public education system to help brighten the futures of our young people.

Sincerely,

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The Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, JP, MP
Minister of Education



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VISION STATEMENT

To provide strategic leadership and policy direction for education and life-long learning.

MISSION

The Bermuda Public School System will deliver a rigorous curriculum customized to meet the needs of individual students, using challenging learning experiences, appropriate assessments, and efficient support that holds us all accountable for a quality education in the 21st Century.

Background

In 2021, following an extensive consultation process, the Minister of Education (“the Minister”) decided to transition ten primary schools into parish primary school sites and close the remaining primary school sites.

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL DECISIONS - JULY 2021

The Decisions by Parish, Primary School Site and Location Site

It was decided that the following school sites would be established as parish primary schools.

Parish	Primary School Site
St. George	East End Primary School
Hamilton	Francis Patton Primary School
Smith's	Harrington Sound Primary School
Devonshire	Elliot Primary School
Pembroke	Victor Scott Primary School
Pembroke	West Pembroke Primary School
Paget	Paget Primary School
Warwick	Purvis Primary School
Southampton	Dalton E. Tucker Primary School
Sandys	Somerset Primary School

It was also decided that the following school sites would be closed as public primary schools.

Parish	Primary School Site
St. George	St. George's Preparatory School
St. George	St. David's Primary School
Devonshire	Prospect Primary School
Pembroke	Northlands Primary School
Paget	Gilbert Institute School
Southampton	Heron Bay Primary School
Southampton	Port Royal Primary School
Sandys	West End Primary School

Comprehensive criteria were developed to support the vision for parish primary schools and used to score each of the then 18 primary school sites to determine which ones should be redeveloped to become parish primary schools and which sites should close permanently. The broad study factors used by a team of technical officers (called the ‘School Location Strategy Team’) were: Existing Building Conditions; Land/Property Conditions; Safety & Health; and Transportation.

During and after the consultation process, school-community members, especially alumni, raised concerns about the lack of inclusion of History and Legacy as a broad study factor. They also had a number of other issues with the scoring process. After a

series of meetings with stakeholder groups, in July 2023 the Minister announced that there would be a (re)scoring process using the broad study factor of 'history and legacy.'

The Minister asked the History and Legacy Working Group (HLWG), to design and recommend History and Legacy study factors that could be used for the new scoring process. Following the HLWG's submission, staff of the Ministry of Education Headquarters reviewed and adapted the recommended History and Legacy study factors.

The Ministry engaged a Scoring Team to conduct an assessment to rate the history and legacy category. The following primary schools were scored using study factors for History and Legacy:

- i. East End Primary School
- ii. St. George's Preparatory School
- iii. St. David's Primary School
- iv. Victor Scott Primary School
- v. West Pembroke Primary
- vi. Northlands Primary School
- vii. Paget Primary School
- viii. Gilbert Institute
- ix. Dalton E Tucker Primary School
- x. Port Royal Primary School
- xi. Somerset Primary School
- xii. West End Primary School

Summary of the Scoring Process

The Scoring Team consisted of four (4) government technical officers:

- i. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education – Assessor
- ii. Director, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs – Assessor
- iii. Acting Archivist, Department of Archives – Assessor
- iv. Policy Analyst, Ministry of Home Affairs – Compliance

Each identified primary school was invited to select three (3) persons to represent the school. These persons served as the school community representatives for each primary school that participated in the process.

Through communications with school principals, school community representatives were invited to attend online meetings of one hour duration, hosted by the Scoring Team, where school community representatives presented information on the History and Legacy study factors that they received in advance of the meeting.

The meetings were held 26, 27, and 28 March 2024. The meetings were recorded and the recordings serve as a record of each meeting. These recordings are available here:

- i. East End Primary School - <https://bit.ly/EastEP>
- ii. St. George's Preparatory School - <https://bit.ly/StGeoPrep>
- iii. St. David's Primary School - <https://bit.ly/StDavidsP>
- iv. Victor Scott Primary School - <https://bit.ly/VictorScott>
- v. West Pembroke Primary - <https://bit.ly/WestPembroke>
- vi. Northlands Primary School - <https://bit.ly/NorthPri>
- vii. Paget Primary School - <https://bit.ly/PagetPri>
- viii. Gilbert Institute - <https://bit.ly/GilbertInstitute>
- ix. Dalton E. Tucker Primary School - <https://bit.ly/DaltonTucker>
- x. Port Royal Primary School - <https://bit.ly/PRoyal>
- xi. Somerset Primary School - <https://bit.ly/SomPrim>
- xii. West End Primary School - <https://bit.ly/WestEndPrimary>

During these meetings, the school community representatives were advised that they would have up to three days to send follow up information for the consideration of the Scoring Team. Written submissions were received from seven schools: Port Royal Primary School, Paget Primary School, East End Primary School, Victor Scott Primary School, St. David's Primary School, St. George's Preparatory School, and West End Primary School.

The Scoring Team reviewed, considered, analysed and assessed the submissions and information and determined a score of 0 to 5 for a maximum rating of 60 points.

The Scoring Team considered the information holistically, and scored each identified primary school using the following rubric:

Study Factors/Rubric

1	The relationship between history and legacy of the school and the vision for parish primary schools	0	No information presented
		1	Minimal Information presented
		2	
		3	General Information Presented
		4	
		5	Substantive Information on this point Shared
2	Persons who exemplify the ethos of the school and/or have meaningfully impacted the school community and/or Bermuda	0	No information presented
		1	Minimal Information presented
		2	
		3	General Information Presented
		4	
		5	Substantive Information on this point Shared
3	Community, national, and international awards and recognition	0	No information presented
		1	Minimal Information presented
		2	
		3	General Information Presented
		4	
		5	Substantive Information on this point Shared
4	Contribution of history and legacy of the school to the achievement and well-being of today's students	0	No information presented
		1	Minimal Information presented
		2	
		3	General Information Presented
		4	
		5	Substantive Information on this point Shared

The Minister determined the weighting for the History and Legacy category at 15%. The following table shows the initial and revised weighting that was factored into the overall new score for each identified primary school.

Categories	Initial Weighting %	Revised Weighting %
Existing Building Conditions	20	15
Land/Property Conditions	30	30
Safety & Health	30	20
Transportation	20	20
History and Legacy	N/A	15
TOTAL	100	100

Results of the History and Legacy Assessment

		SOMERSET	WEST END	DALTON E. TUCKER	PORT ROYAL	GILBERT INSTITUTE	PAGET	NORTH- LANDS	VICTOR SCOTT	WEST PEMBROKE	ST. DAVID'S	EAST END	ST. GEORGE'S PREP.
1	The relationship between history and legacy of the school and the vision for parish primary schools	14	11.5	10.5	1	7	14	8	9	7.5	15	12	15
2	Persons who exemplify the ethos of the school and/or have meaningfully impacted the school community and/or Bermuda	13	15	13	3	5	5.5	3.5	14.5	12	15	8.5	14.5
3	Community, national, and international awards and recognition	5	9.5	4.5	1	2	2.5	3	8.5	4	13	1	7
4	Contribution of history and legacy of the school to the achievement and well-being of today's students	11	10.5	8	1	3	8	10	13	7.5	14	4	14.5
TOTAL		43	46.5	36	6	17	30	24.5	45	31	57	25.5	51

Revisions to the Original School Location Strategy Team Ratings

REVISION OF ORIGINAL SCHOOL LOCATION STRATEGY TEAM RATINGS

In response to questions and critiques regarding the original scoring process and certain scores, the individual ratings of the School Location Strategy Team were scrutinized and revisited by the Ministry (after meeting with members of the original School Location Team to discuss their findings). This process resulted in the following changes:

AGE OF THE BUILDING

The Somerset Primary School building was built in 1960. The original score included a rating of 4 points. The score was revised to reflect the rating of 3 as the school building would have been 61 years old at the time of the assessment in 2021.

Age – Rating and Guidance

5	Exceeds life span expectations (50 years old or younger)
3	Meets expectations (50 to 85 years old)
1	Doesn't meet life span expectations (older than 85 years)

Revision:

Somerset Primary: Original score 22. Revised score 18.

EXISTING LAND AREA (Usable/Zoning)

The Somerset Primary School can accommodate 330 students and has a large field that can accommodate different age groups, but may not be able to accommodate additional parking or it might be able to accommodate some areas for separate playing areas and some additional parking, but it may not be adequate. Therefore, it would not qualify for a rating of 5. The West End Primary School building site's score included two ratings of 1. It was determined that the rating value for the school would be a minimum of rating 2 since there is land to create some parking and some playing fields for different age groups.

Existing Land Area (Usable/Zoning) – Rating and Guidance

5	Site large enough to house over 330 students, large enough space for adequate playing fields for different age groups and adequate parking
3	Site can hold 330 students/sufficient for different age group playing fields/parking
1	Site cannot hold 330 students, not enough area to house playing fields for different age groups, no land to create adequate parking

Revision:

Somerset Primary: Original score 28. Revised score 23.

West End Primary: Original score 13. Revised score 15.

BOUNDARIES AND COMMUNITY CENTERED

The Somerset Primary building site included 1 score of 5. There are restrictions to the boundary – there is a main road on two boundaries, the preschool on one boundary and residences on the fourth boundary. Therefore, the site did not meet the 5 point rating. The West End Primary School's building site's score included five ratings of 1. It was determined that the rating value for the school would be a minimum of a rating 3 since there are some restrictions to the boundaries, but the land can be developed.

Boundaries – Rating and Guidance

5	No restrictions to development – large land area
3	Some restrictions to the boundary but still developable
1	Restrictions to the boundary, not developable (borders main road/residential area)

Revision:

Somerset Primary: Original score 20. Revised score 19.

West End Primary: Original score 8. Revised score 18.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

An assessment was conducted on the community services in and around all of the schools that were assessed and it was determined that two businesses on Scott's Hill Road, Sandys, Bailey's Enterprises and Trojaniers Barber Shop, are in immediate proximity to the West End Primary School qualifying it for a higher rating. Also, none of the schools in the Sandys parish would qualify for the highest rating of 5 points. Therefore, the ratings were adjusted as none of the school buildings are located *directly within a community with surrounding services such as a supermarket, gas station, church building, residential area, etc.*

Revision:

Somerset Primary: Original score 24. Revised score 21.

West End Primary: Original score 15. Revised score 18.

Community Service Study Factor – Rating and Guidance

5	School building location is directly within a community with surrounding services such as a supermarket, gas station, church building, residential area, etc.
3	School building location is at least 100 yards from a community with surrounding services such as a supermarket, gas station, church building, residential area, etc.
1	School building location is at more than 100 yards from or has no community services surrounding

Distance from the Service to the school

Measurement is building to building. Distance is expressed in yards.

Sandys Parish		
	West End	Somerset Primary
Restaurant/Take Out Service	106.6	633.3
Barber Shop	100	266.6
Variety Store	100	266.6
Hotel	1,333.3	1,000
Pre School	500	700
Gas Station	400	208.3
Supermarket	533.3	116.6
Laundromat	533.3	116.6
Community Club/Field	216.6 and 466.6	100 and 366.6
Pharmacy	633.3	323.3
Police Station	800	600
Clinic – Health Services	933.3	733.3
Post Office	933.3	733.3
Doctor's Office	1,033.3	733.3
Bank	1,033.3	733.3
Southampton Parish		
	Dalton E. Tucker	Port Royal
Preschool	83.3	
BFRS – Southampton	93.3	
Gas Station/Convenience Store	276.6	2,757.6
Community Club/Field	233.3	
Restaurant/ Take Out Service	500 and 666.6	
Supermarket	966.6	
Post Office	2,800	148.3
Hotel	3,666.6	866.6
Laundry	533.3	
Yellow House Nursery		96.6
Paget Parish		
	Gilbert	Paget Primary
Bermuda College	100	
Restaurant / take Out Service	466.6	
Gas Station	733.3	933.3
Doctor's Office/Pharmacy	800	1,666
Hotel	245	
Laundry		933.3
Supermarket	433.3	200

Pembroke Parish			
	Northlands	West Pembroke	Victor Scott
Berkeley Institute	166.6		
Laundry	141.6		
Culture Center	220		
Tennis Stadium	966.6		
Supermarket	416.6	533.3	
Gas Station	500	566.6	
City of Hamilton /Other Services	1,266.6	1,900	966.6
Bermuda National Stadium			566.6
Restaurant/Take Out Service			366.6
Barber Shop			376.6
Playground/Park		1,000	178.3
Hospital/Urgent Care			1,400
St. George's Parish			
	St. David's Primary	East End	St. George's Prep
Preschool	376.6	260	566.6
Community Club/Field	100	200 and 226.6	226.6 and 600
Police Station	2,900	2,076.6	1,815
Hospital/Urgent Care	2,566.6		
Laundry	1,566.6	390.6	308.3
Gas Station	566.6	866.6	480
Playground/Park	1,966.6		
Clinic – Health Services		326.6	600
Seniors' care		326.6	666.6
Supermarket		550	293.3
Bank		600	333.3
Pharmacy		666.6	338.6
Restaurant/Take Out Service	100 and 1,633.3	433.3	303.3
Barber Shop		390.6	308.3
Post Office		710	380
Doctor's Office		600	333.3
Town Square Restaurants		600	333.3
Spa		800	466.6

TYPE OF ROAD – estate / main public

Both Somerset Primary School and West End Primary School received ratings of 1 and 5. It was determined that none of the schools have access to get on the school campus through an estate road and as such rating 3 is more appropriate. Somerset Primary School has more than one access road. However, access is limited by the type of vehicle because the roads are very narrow without access to free flow of traffic when vehicles have to pass.

Type of Road – estate /main public – Rating and Guidance

5	Several access routes to get on school campus
3	Main access road only to get on school campus
1	Only estate road to get on school campus

Revision:

Somerset Primary: Original score 21. Revised score 17.

West End Primary: Original score 17. The score did not change because a rating 5 was revised to rating 3 and a rating 1 was revised to a rating 3 for a net 17.

CLARIFICATION OF FLOOD RISKS and ACCESSIBILITY

FLOOD RISKS

Some schools were of the view that the Flood Risk study factor was aligned with flooding due to global warming and rising tides. However, the study factor relates to flooding on the school property due to drainage of water; especially after heavy rainfall or during storms.

ACCESSIBILITY

Stakeholder feedback indicated the common misunderstanding that accessibility related to access to the school property only. In this context, accessibility related to wheelchair accessibility for students with mobility related disabilities so that they could easily navigate through and onto the school property and for a separate entrance to the school for student drop-off and pick up. This study factor came directly from the **2015 SCORE Advisory Committee Report**.

Both of these study factors have been clarified as:

Flood Risks (Flooding due to drainage in areas)

Accessibility (Wheel chair accessible to accommodate students with disabilities. Separate entrance for drop off and pick up).

Effect on the History and Legacy Assessment on Total Scores

The final overall weighted total scores of all of the study factors, including History and Legacy are:

Parish	Primary School Site
Somerset Primary	388.66
West End Primary	389.29
Dalton E. Tucker	391.49
Port Royal	307.13
Gilbert Institute	257.78
Paget Primary	344.82
Northlands	297.20
Victor Scott	358.05
West Pembroke	317.78
St. David's Primary	363.88
East End Primary	392.28
St. George's Preparatory	362.46

Based on these results, the recommended school sites to establish parish primary schools are:

Parish	Primary School Site
St. George	East End Primary School
Hamilton	Francis Patton Primary School
Smith's	Harrington Sound Primary School
Devonshire	Elliot Primary School
Pembroke	Victor Scott Primary School
Pembroke	West Pembroke Primary School
Paget	Paget Primary School
Warwick	Purvis Primary School
Southampton	Dalton E. Tucker Primary School
Sandys	West End Primary School

St. David's Primary Decision

After the final re(scoring) process, there were additional discussions that emphasized the distinctive nature of the St. David's community compared to the rest of St. George's Parish. The final History and Legacy Score of St. David's Primary School (at 57) reflected and underscored this area's unique character and rich history.

Therefore, due to the unique characteristics and history of the St. David's community compared to the rest of St. George's Parish, it became clear that St. David's Primary was distinct, which deserved recognition. The school's impressive History and Legacy Score was a key indicator of its unique cultural and community significance. Consequently, the Minister decided to redevelop the St. David's Primary School site into a second Parish Primary School for St. George's Parish.

Thank You

The Ministry of Education takes this opportunity to thank the History and Legacy Working Group, the Scoring Team, the school principals who were involved in the process and the school community representative group members for their contributions to the process.